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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A method of treating cancer in a dog, comprising the step of feeding the dog a therapeutic agent comprising a vitamin D analog.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the vitamin D analog is selected from the group consisting of $1\alpha,25$ -(OH)₂D₃, $1\alpha,25$ -(OH)₂-16-ene-23-yne-D₃ (analog V), and $1\alpha,25$ -(OH)₂-22,24-diene-24,26,27-trihomo-D₃ (EB 1089) and stereoisomers thereof.
- 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the vitamin D analog is $1\alpha,25$ - $(OH)_2D_3$ and stereoisomers thereof.
- 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the vitamin D analog is $1\alpha,25$ - $(OH)_2$ -16-ene-23-yne- D_3 (analog V) and stereoisomers thereof.
- 5. The method of claim 2, wherein the vitamin D analog is $1\alpha,25$ - $(OH)_2$ -22,24-diene-24,26,27-trihomo-D₃ (EB 1089) and stereoisomers thereof.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the vitamin D analog is administered in combination with a bone agent, a cytotoxic agent, an immuno response regulating agent, an antiinflammatory agent or combinations thereof.
- 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the vitamin D analog is administered orally in encapsulated form in a liquid vehicle ingestible by the dog.
- 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the dog is fed from about 0.025 to about 500 nmol/kg of body weight of the patient per day of the vitamin D analog.
- 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the dog is fed from about 0.025 to about 100 nmol/kg of body weight of the patient per day of the vitamin D analog.
- 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the dog is fed from about
 0.025 to about 10 nmol/kg of body weight of the patient per day of the vitamin D analog.

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- 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the dog is fed from about 0.025 to about 1.0 nmol/kg of body weight of the patient per day of the vitamin D analog.
- 12. The method of claim 1, wherein the dog is fed a therapeutically efficacious dosage of a vitamin D analog.
 - 13. A food for dogs comprising a vitamin D analog.
 - The food of claim 13, wherein the vitamin D analog is selected from the group consisting of $1\alpha,25$ -(OH)₂D₃, $1\alpha,25$ -(OH)₂-16-ene-23-yne- D₃ (analog V), and $1\alpha,25$ -(OH)₂-22,24-diene-24,26,27-trihomo-D₃ (EB 1089) and stereoisomers thereof.
 - 15. The food of claim 13, wherein the vitamin D analog is $1\alpha,25$ - $(OH)_2D_3$ and stereoisomers thereof.
- 16. The food of claim 13, wherein the vitamin D analog is $1\alpha,25$ - $(OH)_2$ -16-ene-23-yne- D₃ (analog V) and stereoisomers thereof.
 - 17. The food of claim 13, wherein the vitamin D analog is $1\alpha,25$ - $(OH)_2$ -22,24-diene-24,26,27-trihomo-D₃ (EB 1089) and stereoisomers thereof.